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Mr. Philip W. Grone  
Deputy Undersecretary of Defense  
for Installations and Environment  
U.S. Department of Defense  
3400 Defense Pentagon, Room 3E792  
Washington, DC 20301-3

Dear Mr. Grone:


The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the National Trust for Historic Preservation annually present a joint award for outstanding Federal Partnerships in Historic Preservation. We invite you to consider whether a project or program in your agency has achieved an exemplary preservation outcome that meets the award criteria. If so, we encourage you to nominate the project or program for the joint Trust/ACHP award by March 1, 2005.

Enclosed you will find the awards brochure and nomination form, which describes the Trust/ACHP award criteria. The brochure and nomination form are also available at [www.nationaltrust.org](http://www.nationaltrust.org). Partners may include Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, not-for-profit organizations, individuals, businesses, State and local governments, and other non-Federal persons or organizations. Nominated projects or programs can include one or more non-Federal partners and more than one Federal agency.

The first Trust/ACHP award was given in 2002 to five Federal agencies and ten of their State and private partners for their collective effort in raising the Confederate submarine *H.L. Hunley* from Charleston harbor. The second award went to the Governors Island Partnership – which included a number of Federal, State, local, and private-sector entities – for decisive steps to ensure the preservation of Governors Island and its many historic resources during a multiyear disposition process. The third award was presented to the National Park Service and the Alliance of National Heritage Areas for their model collaboration in support of National Heritage Areas and the establishment of the Heritage Development Institute.

Federal activities have a profound impact on our Nation's cultural landscape. This national awards program provides an opportunity for you to showcase your agency's commitment to a preservation ethic and gain public awareness of your accomplishments. We look forward to receiving your nomination.

Sincerely,

  
John M. Fowler  
Executive Director

Enclosure

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